

Columnist spouts replies to queries dredged from the mailbag on pot, communism

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CONNECTIONS



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Once again it's time to dig into the old mailbag and answer a few questions from readers.

Question: I had one heckuva good time over the weekend visiting the Park City cemetery and reading the gravestones. I

found one especially interesting monument to William Rosevear, who died in 1908, and have enclosed a photo of it because I am almost certain that it is the inspiration for the new "Utah One" Building in downtown Salt Lake City. Am I right? — Gary Graves, Garland

Answer: I consulted some architecture students, then took your photo and stood on Main Street and 200 South in front of the "Utah One" Building, the new 24-story high rise on Block 57, and by golly, you're right! This one is a dead ringer!

Question: I know you have a lot of experience with this kind of problem, so I'm writing to ask you what remedy you would recommend to color persistently graying hair as quickly as possible for a man who has practically no vanity at all but needs to protect his virility and his youthful appearance? — Ray Gray, Parowan

Answer: I think I know what you mean, although you are terribly wrong about *me* having the problem. But everything I've read or heard suggests that what you need is the brilliant new concoction called "Just For Men," because a man can effortlessly color his hair in just 5 minutes — even though it takes 30 minutes for his wife! Obviously, that's a very big temptation. As a matter of fact, if the average man could do it in 5 minutes, then I could probably do it in — oh — a minute-and-a-half tops! Good luck!

Question: What in the world has happened to communism? For at

least 35 years it has been my favorite ism to belittle, attack and poke fun at — and lately I barely see it mentioned in the newspapers or even on TV! I'm going nuts trying to find something else to attack. Could you help me? — Rip Van Winkle, Ogden

Answer: You've probably been out of town. Sure, I'll be glad to. Out of the blue, communism suddenly became old hat and now even the most famous communists are leaving the party and trying to forget they were ever associated with it. The big thing now is *democracy* and anyone with a free-market economy. But if by chance you got confused and *really* meant *columnists* — there are still lots of those around and they *love* criticism.

Question: Senatorial candidate Joe Cannon was on the hot seat this week for admitting to a youthful indiscretion with marijuana, yet reporters seem to be missing the real story — was there any connection between what Cannon smoked when he was 18 and the emissions from Geneva Steel's smokestacks? — Wally Weed, West Jordan

Answer: If you're implying that Geneva is sending marijuana into the Orem-Provo air, producing a Rocky Mountain high, it is *you* who has been smoking something! Everyone knows the EPA would never allow such blatant pollution.

Question: This has been such a hot summer with unusually high humidity that we have had constant trouble with our swamp cooler. It just didn't work right. So I finally bought a new motor, belt and pads, then persuaded my neighbor to climb up on the roof and install them. Like a schmuck, he agreed to do it and the cooler worked great for about a half hour. Then it went back to clattering without producing any air. What's the deal? — Howard Hotair, Huntsville

Answer: I don't know exactly how to break this to you, but swamp coolers are designed for the *swamp* — and *you* live in the *desert*. *YOU'RE* the schmuck! If I were you, I would



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William Rosevear's
Park City tombstone

scrap the entire thing and step up to a refrigerated air system. Even though it costs more to run than a swamp cooler, you've already spent your life savings on repair. And the best part is that neither you nor your neighbor will have to climb on the roof!

Question: It seems that all the men in Salt Lake City are married. I'm having trouble knowing where to meet eligible men under appropriate surroundings. What is your advice? — Single in Salt Lake

Answer: According to knowledgeable women I've talked with, the two best places to meet eligible men are a *river run* and a *building supply store*. The disadvantages are that a man you meet in the first instance would never be home and the second would be constantly adding on to the house. But go for it!

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